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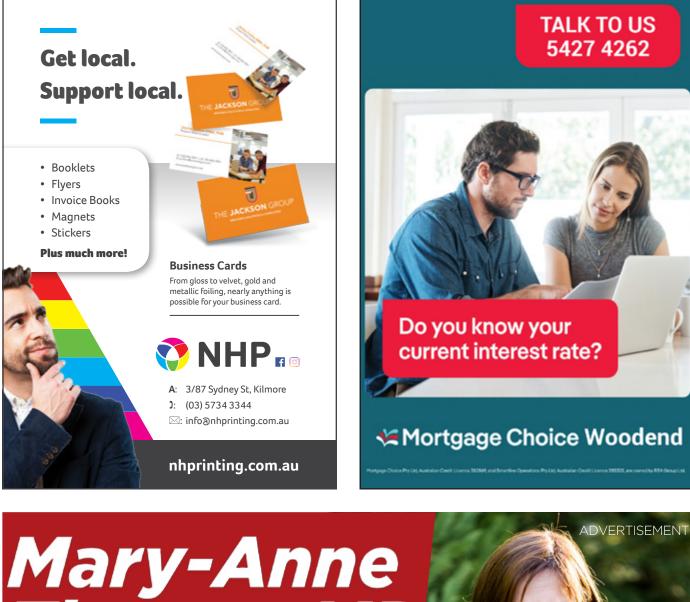
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Romsey Mechanics' Institute

Renovating the Main Hall

The final step in this project, (apart from funding!) will be a review of the main hall's windows and curtains, including the stage curtain. It woud be a pity to spend all the energy and money to repair the hall and retain the current curtains. Windows may well need repair and/or replacement so that had best be done before we get on with the other works. It all costs money.

Improved Access to the Roof

The Committee of Management has become aware of irregular access to the roof of the building. We have worked with "Elevated Safety Systems" to design and put in place a system that should make this type of roof access much more difficult. Sadly, this irregular access to the roof saw some spouting damaged resulting in water leaking down the outside wall and an area of mould in the main hall. This was easily cleaned off but we really have more things to do than repair this sort of vandalism.

Recent Rains

The recent very heavy rains have again tested the RMI. So far, we have only had one small leak. We are tracking this down to see where the leak originated.



Established 1865



New Safety Barrier.



Mould in the SW corner.

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November in the garden

by Melanie Kinsey

I have spent some time tidying up my propagation area. All winter the weeds have been growing through it, the pots have been thrown haphazardly about and tools not always placed where they should go. Its very satisfying to stack all the 140mm pots, all the tubes and all the trays. To reorganise the bags of potting mix, perlite, gravel, and coir peat. And to throw out old labels, empty bags and broken pots. In the nursery area I repotted many of my succulents in trays into a freer draining mix as they were suffering with an ordinary potting mix. I've also potted up some cordyline cuttings that I propagated by aerial layering. They took a good six months to form roots wrapped in sphagnum moss and plastic.

In the garden I lightly pruned back a Grevillea 'Deua Flame' that had more or less finished flowering. In the front garden the main colour theme has turned from yellow to the purple/blue of huge spires of echium, mounds of ceanothus and carpets of bluebells. I turned my back for second and suddenly overnight there appeared a clump of purple Dutch iris with yellow throats. Stunning!

In my 'vegetable garden' I've weeded the polystyrene boxes and readied them for the summer tomatoes and cucumbers. I changed the boxes about because its never a good idea to grow tomatoes in the same mix two years in a row. Usually, I remove half the potting mix and replace



with some new mix. I'll buy my tomatoes about Melbourne Cup Day as I can't take a chance with them any earlier than that. Frosts are a tomatoes' worst enemy! I've divided up my mint and placed it in a self-watering pot and I'll also be planting some basil, coriander and parsley. Last year's oregano, thyme and sage need a good prune and a feed to get them going for the year.

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Neighbours

Australia has a wonderful history of volunteering, be it with the kinder, the school, the sporting clubs, the CFA/SES or another community group. When the chips are down this spirit rises to the top and everyone benefits. A story from our own town;

The TV show may have ended but, in times of trouble, neighbours are always there to help. In the recent deluge of mid-October, we saw three of our neighbours' homes under threat, water had banked up and was flowing over the ground Within a short time just about everyone in the street was out helping, sweeping water into the drains etc

A phone call to the SES hotline resulted in the Romsey CFA turning out with 10 members. We ended up with over two dozen people helping to divert water flow and clean up the resultant mess. The Romsey CFA brought lighting (as it was getting dark) as well as a water pump, more brooms and shovels. All this in constant rain. The 2-hour effort saved the three houses from being flooded and there was only moderate damage to the gardens.

This wasn't the only flood drama in Romsey and this scene was repeated several times

that day. There was a wonderful spirit amongst the group, meeting some people for the first time and most of us knowing that if it wasn't us this time, it probably will be next time. As the song says, "everybody needs good neighbours".

This would have been repeated all over the state, locals helping locals and when the community is almost overwhelmed the ADF steps in. Despite all these calamities we all work together to keep Australia a lucky country.



THE ROMSEY RAG INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7pm Thursday 24th Nov 2022 At Romsey Mechanics Hall 122 Main Street, Romsey. (All Welcome Phone Secretary on 0418 581 885)

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Petanque News Update

Re-elected Club President Chinka Steel welcomed Ruth Giddings to Committee and Anne Browne to Acting Secretary for year 2022-23. Chinka announced at AGM that he was in his final Year and thanked all Committee for efforts Vice President Louise Potter Treasurer Carol Richards Committee members Jill Shaw, Shirley Marshall and Rod Gell. This Summer Season has seen a very wet start at Hanging Rock but Thursday play 4:00 for 4:30 start is now organised and new Players are always welcome. Just arrive at 3:45 and you will be made welcome.

Monday play at Racecourse Reserve Forest St Woodend continues at 2:00 for 2:30 start New players are very welcome here as well. PFA, the head body for Petanque in Australia recognized our Coaches Shirley Marshall and Chinka Steel who are only too willing to help. Please make yourself known. Our Triples tournament has been moved to December 3rd at the Rock due to a scheduled Concert at Rock.

Regards, Chinka Steel, President

Fire at the Work Shed:

In the early afternoon of Thurs Oct 6th a neighbour in Lauder Place saw smoke billowing from the shed. Very quickly this turned into flames leaping through the burntout sky lights. She rang the CFA and within five minutes they were on the scene. Skilled and experienced CFA members soon had the fire under control and then out. Over the ensuing days members have worked hard to tarp any remaining machinery & clean up the mess. The club has opened a **"Go Fund Me"** page to raise funds to help cover the damage.

Donations at; https://gofund.me/e27cee47

We are also running a fundraising dinner at Soltan 'Pepper on Sat Nov 26th. Three course meal - \$50.00pp plus silent auction, minor games and other fun activities.



The flames break through the roof.



The remains of the fairway & greens' mowers.

Bin clips for sale!

Is litter spilling from your bins? Council has bin clips available for purchase from our customer service centres for \$20 each. Bin clips are easy to use and help you to secure lids during strong winds and prevent animals from getting into your rubbish. The clips release automatically when emptied into the rubbish trucks.

You can view an instruction video at *mrsc.vic.gov. aulbinclips*

For office locations and opening hours visit *mrsc. vic.gov.aulcontact*

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Romsey Golf Club

Romsey Sporting Precinct Draft Master Plan:

At their October meeting the Macedon Ranges Shire Council endorsed the draft master plan. This plan has now been put on the MRSC web site and community members are able to respond to its contents. RGC is always happy to speak with and hear from community members so please take a few minutes to look over the plan and read the three pages of supporting documentation;

https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/News/Have-Your-Say/Romsey-Park-Sports-Precinct-Draft-Master-Plan

2022 Graeme Clement Open:

This annual event is scheduled for the 3rd weekend of November. If the rain ceases and we get some sun the course, and whole park, should be in magnificient condition. We would like to thank the weekend's sponsors: **Sat 4BBB** – **The Romsey Bottle-O** and **Sun 24 Hole Stroke - Josh Ellis** (NSEC Electricals)

A few corrections:

We understand why reports are due early in the month & have no problems with the timeline however, on occasion, clubs & community groups have activities planned for later in the month so we take a punt that all will be well and everything will go roughly as planned. Well;

The 2022 Macedon Ranges Spring Cup (Sept 15th) was washed out and will be rescheduled for later this year or early 2023.

The annual coring of the greens was also washed out, it has been rescheduled for Nov 24th, just after the Graeme Clement Open.

Woodend outdoor pool set to open for summer

Preparations are underway for the opening of the Woodend outdoor pool on Saturday 3 December.

Opening hours will be based on Council's Outdoor Pool Temperature Guidelines.

The pools are solar heated and have plenty of shade. There are two great pools for children and a 25-metre pool with lap lane. For information regarding opening hours and season passes visit *mrsc.vic.gov.auloutdoor-pools*.



C.W.A. 2022 STATE THEMES:

THEME: Sharing, fun and friendship.

Product/Resource: Australian grown potatoes and Australian potato products.

Country of Study: Malaysia.

Thanksgiving Fun: Free 3D hands - Research and development of 3D hands.

State Project: CWA of Vic. Inc. IT and Systems Upgrade and Maintenance.

Social Issues Focus: Safe Homes for All.

For any further information please call:

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ANIMAL FACTS

A woodpecker can peck twenty times a second.

ROMSEY BRANCH OF C.W.A. INC

CWA is a Volunteer Organisation Fun Fact= Did you know that 96% of volunteers believe that volunteering makes People happier in their lives

New Members are needed to Bridge the gap.

Fresh Ideas will ensure our traditional and caring association continues

Our Friendly Monthly Meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each Month from 10am to approx. 12 noon. At the Mechanics Institute Main Rd Romsey.

Don't forget our Christmas stall on Sat 3rd Dec. IGA 9am-2pm

Lemonade Scones

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup cream
- 2 cups Self Raising flour Sifted
- 1/2 cup Lemonade
- 1/4 cup caster sugar pinch of salt

Method

- 1. Place Flour, Sugar and pinch salt in large bowl. Add cream and
- 2. Lemonade and mix to form a soft dough. Turn onto floured bench
- 3. Knead lightly until combined. Press the dough to a thickness of 2cm
- 4. Using a 6 cm scone cutter to form 8 scones.
- 5. Bake at 220C for 10-15 mins

CWA is not just for older women; it is for women of any age wanting to be involved in their local community and also be connected to a world-wide organisation of friendship and community care. We have a lot of fun and laughs while being creative and raising funds for community projects.

Ladies netball registrations open for 2023

Ladies netball competition is played on Tuesday nights from 7.15pm.

You can enter the competition as an individual or a team.

- Game fees are \$70.00 per game.
- Registration per player is \$25.00 per season.

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New season starts February 2023.

Enrol now for the new season. For information visit *mrsc.vic.gov.au/netball*

Free reusable nappy workshop and lucky draw

Are you curious to learn more about reusable cloth nappies? Council is offering a free workshop at 10.30am on 12 November at Lancefield neighbourhood house as part of our reusable nappy program. Attendees will go into a lucky prize draw to win a modern cloth nappy starter pack, valued at \$200.00

Seats are limited. Reserve your spot by visiting *mrsc.vic.gov.au/nappies*



Cooking with Peter Russell-Clarke

Popeye's Favourite

We all (or most of us) know that we should eat our greens. Right! "But what greens?" you cry. These days there is a confusing collection of leafy unknowables to ponder over. True!

The answer is to consume any or all of them. Not at one sitting - each mealtime, try another one of the many different leafy wonders on offer. And remember, salads are only one of many ways of serving a green.

The Asians have introduced a variety of different green leaves for our nutritional benefit. But the tried and Aussie true blue (green) ones are still good-oh. Spinach, iceberg lettuce, cos, radicchio and many more are still essential to our wellbeing diet. Nevertheless, the newer introductions should also be consumed.

I've written numerous articles on all types of green, leafy wonders and their various dressings, but today I want to match spinach with cheese. Here's why.



IF THE LITTLE GREEN MEN ON MARS GAVE UP EATTING THEIR GREENS and ATE CARROIS WOULD THEY BE ORANGE ?

Creamed Spinach.

As I've said, time and time again, spinach is packed with the B vitamin folate (an unabashed cancer fighter), and carotenoids such as lutein, which prevent macular degeneration. I'm suggesting a light cream sauce with a touch of reduced-fat cream cheese.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion
- 1/2 cup salt-reduced vegetable or chicken stock
- 280g baby spinach leaves
- RECIPE
- 60g reduced-fat cream cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Romano cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg.

Method

- 1. Heat the oil in a large frying pan over a medium heat. Halve and thinly slice the onion and cook it in the oil until it's lightly browned. Add the stock and cook for another minute, then put in the spinach and cook, stirring, until the spinach has wilted about another minute and a half.
- 2. Stir in the cream cheese, Romano cheese and nutmeg and continue stirring and cooking until everything's well blended and creamy about 2 minutes.

Now what do you do with it? Personally, I think a grilled piece of flake is fabulous or, if you can afford it, a slice of tuna. Of course, a *lamb chop or two would also be delicious.*

Romsey Mens Shed

Working on Friendships



Friendships, projects and the big "T" restoration

A core role of the Romsey Mens Shed is working on friendships for men and providing a comfortable environment for men to discuss their issues.

All members can enjoy the social environment; a coffee and chat and many also want to be "hands-on", which suits those who may be ex-trades or engineering or even want to learn new skills. Members can enjoy working on woodwork, metalwork/welding or automotive (we even have a lift) projects.

Some projects are for the community, such as bird boxes, small restorations on chairs, toy boxes or other memorabilia.



The T Model Ford now in our workshop

As reported in the last Romsey Rag, in the Romsey Mens Shed we have started a major new project - restoration of a 1925 T model Ford. It was on a storage shelf in the Newnham yards in a poor state and the body and parts have now been donated to us by Doug Newnham.

Clearly, the "T" is a major multi-skill project and we hope that over time we will receive some donations and support from the Romsey community, perhaps with skills we don't have or even some parts that may have been stored waiting for an enthusiast. On completion – this will take considerable time - it will be kept in the community at a location yet to be decided.

We have a \$5 barbecue at 12 on Thursdays which is usually well attended and also open for guests. Members come to the shed on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 am -2pm. And when our new mezzanine floor is installed, we will have an Open Day, courtesy of the Bendigo Community Bank.

We have a Facebook page. Romsey Mens Shed Inc. We hope to build up over time.

Membership applications or other enquiries-contact our Secretary: romseyms@gmail,com or call in at the shed in Barry Street, Romsey Park on a Tuesday or Thursday.

50th Anniversary, Book Launch & Final Show for 2022

On 15 October, The Mount Players celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Gisborne Golf Club and what a night it was! A packed house of 140 past &



present members gathered for one heck of a reunion enjoying lots of reminiscing, guest speakers including Patron of the theatre, Athol Guy and representative from the Victorian Drama League and of course lots of in-house presentations.

The evening also celebrated the launch of their magnificent book "*Box Office to Back Stage - 50 Years of Community Theatre*" a culmination of 3 years hard work by their history group.

The final production for 2022 *Madagascar* by JT Rogers, is a must-see drama for theatre lovers. A haunting story of a mysterious disappearance that changes three lives forever.

At 3 different periods in time, 3 people find themselves alone, in the same hotel room overlooking the Spanish Steps in Rome. They each tell their individual story of how and why they are here. Their relationship to each other,

what this room means to them, and why they have been called to it slowly reveal themselves. Their stories spill out, weave back and forth—each contradicting, clarifying, deepening what the others say— becoming strands of one gripping and disquieting tale.

The show opens 4 November and runs till 20 November. Tickets via *www.themountplayers.com* See you at the theatre.



The Mount Players

Karen Hunt.

Do You Need a Health Tune Up?

How often do you book your car in for a service? Cars need regular TLC to prevent break downs oil change, wheel alignment, new battery etc. A brand-new car needs less attention than a vintage car, and if your car is doing lots of kilometres every week you will need to book a service more often.



Our body is much the same as a car. Regular maintenance is needed to keep it running smooth and efficiently. By better maintaining your body and making a commitment to lead a healthier life, you often see improvements in ALL aspects of your life. You may feel more confident and less overwhelmed. Your work/ study performance may improve. Emotional health and personal relationships flourish. Inner balance naturally results in outer harmony.

Unfortunately, we often tend push our bodies to the limit without caring for it properly and then get frustrated when it "lets us down".

In Chinese Medicine we place a strong emphasis on disease prevention and health maintenance. We encourage patients to honestly look at their diet and lifestyle habits - are they conducive to good health or are they the root cause of your health problems? Simply changing lifestyle habits can go a long way to reawakening the amazing innate self-healing system of the human body.

Having regular acupuncture "tune-ups" can be part of your commitment to maintaining good health and prevent lifestyle disease. Treatment aims to help you: -

- Let go of the day-to-day stress/tension that has built up in your body
- Tune-in and become present to your mind/body
- Help your body transition between the seasons
- Clear underlying emotional blockages
- Treat any physical symptoms that are currently manifesting and prevent them from becoming a chronic issue.

Ready to try acupuncture for yourself?

Hannah Sutton (Director @ In Symmetry, Registered Chinese Medicine Practitioner)



Macedon Ranges Shire Council Annual Roadside Weed Treatment Program Underway

Council's annual roadside weed treatment program is now underway. The annual program targets noxious weeds such as Cape Broom, Gorse, Blackberry and Sweet Briar Rose. Over the coming months, you may see Council's environmental contractors treating woody weeds across the shire including around Gisborne, Woodend, Malmsbury, Lancefield and Darraweit Guim.

Treatment of roadsides for the annual weed program takes a strategic approach to make best use of resources. Priorities for weed control include fire hazard reduction, protecting conservation values, and Council's legal obligations as a land manager under the Catchment and Land Protection Act.

This year's program will also treat environmental weeds such as Pine saplings, Bluebell Creeper and Wild Watsonia in select high conservation value areas and invasive Nassella species such as Chilean Needle Grass and Serrated Tussock where known infestations occur. Noxious weeds are treated at different times of the year depending on the species. For example, Blackberry will be treated later in the season during its growth phase.

This year, Council expects to treat over 150 roadsides and road reserves, depending on the season and weather conditions. Roadside weed audits are conducted at the end of each season to monitor and evaluate roadsides to inform the following year's treatment program.

For information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/weeds

Community Bank Connections **B** Bendigo Bank

TEAM NEWS!

We warmly welcome Pete Klages to the Romsey and Lancefield team. Pete is a Romsey local of nearly 3 years, and with 15 years of experience in the banking and insurance industry, he is excited to come across to the Community Bank.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM AWARDEES

Congratulations to the following community groups who were successful in their applications to this year's Community Investment Program. As in previous years, the number of applications and total funds requested far exceeded the available CIP budget, so we would encourage those groups who did not receive funding to apply in future programs. Our next grants program for events will open in March/April 2023.

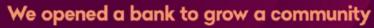


Community organisation	Project	Funding
Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association Inc	RRBATA Business Breakfast	\$1,500
Working Equitation Lancefield Districts	WELD Obstacle Purchase	\$2,200
Macedon Rangers Soccer Club	Club Equipment	\$2,850
Safe Space Performances Ltd	Australian Way of Life Romsey Lancefield Community Participation Project	\$3,000
Lancefield Kindergarten Inc	Cooking with Kids	\$3,141
Deep Creek Landcare Group	Romsey/Lancefield Native Botanic Garden – planning	\$4,800
Macedon Ranges Photographic Society Inc	New 4K Graphics Laptop Computer	\$4,900
Lancefield Football Netball Club	Lancefield Football Netball Club 150 Year History Book 1873-2023	\$5,000
Deep Creek Landcare Group	Junior Landcare Environmental Showbags	\$5,905
Lancefield Tennis Club	Outdoor Upgrade	\$6,219
Romsey Neighbourhood House Inc.	Romsey Neighbourhood House Feed It Forward Foodbank	\$6,262
Cancer Council Victoria	Lancefield/Macedon Ranges Relay for Life	\$7,550
Lancefield Bowling Club Inc	Renovation of Toilet Amenities	\$8,000
Lancefield Cricket Club	Veranda Extension	\$49,760
Romsey Junior Football Netball Club	Romsey Park Bendigo Bank Oval Electronic Scoreboard	\$50,000
Lancefield FNC & Lancefield Junior FNC	Electronic Scoreboard for Lancefield Park	\$50,000
TOTAL		\$211,087

In addition to the above grants, eight local emergency services units were also donated \$1,500 each. We will also be continuing with our scholarship program for 2023 and are a sponsor of the Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program, taking our total funding to approximately \$260,000.

2022 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Lancefield Romsey Community Financial Services Limited (the local company that owns our Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey) will be held at 6.30 pm on Monday, November 7th at The Lancefield Guesthouse. Shareholders will have received formal notice of the AGM along with supporting documents mid September.



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APPLY NOW

Community Bank Lancefield and Romsey

Need help with the costs of study?

Applications are invited from eligible students who require assistance with educational costs in 2023.

Scholarships are available for students studying full-time at an Australian University, TAFE Institute or College for the first time.

Applications are open now, and close on Friday, 27 January 2023.

bendigobank.com.au/scholarships



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Snow Gums

The River Red Gum might have been crowned Australia's favourite native tree - but if you have hiked or skied around the Baw Baw Plateau or Dinner Plain, you know why I voted for the runner-up, the Snow Gum. It is a beautiful tree and needs all the friends it can get.

MRSC released a report on the distribution and health of Snow Gum (Eucalyptus pauciflora ssp. pauciflora) in the Shire (mrsc.viv.gov.au/Biodiversity). "The 2021 assessment surveyed all stands of Snow Gum known to occur in the Macedon Ranges. This confirmed that MRSC supports the largest number of individuals and sub-populations of Snow Gum known to occur outside of the Alps region. It found most populations are in relatively good health and adequate natural recruitment is occurring. Nevertheless, Snow Gums are at risk from threatening processes eg. global climate change. Landowners and management agencies can adopt practices to further protect and enhance regional populations."

Victoria has six sub-species of Eucalyptus pauciflora. Four are restricted to higher altitudes of the eastern highlands where annual snow cover is common, one sub-species

is restricted to Mt William in the Grampians with the remaining sub-species, Eucalyptus pauciflora ssp. pauciflora the subject of the MRSC report. This sub-species is not only found at higher altitudes but scattered across the lowlands and foothills of the Great Dividing Range the inland slopes north of the Divide near Beechworth, across the Gippsland Plain, in the Strathbogie, Macedon, Ballarat, Beaufort and Moriac areas, and across south-west Victoria.

The Macedon Ranges Shire supports the largest known concentrations of Snow Gum in central and western Victoria. The largest cluster is around Newham, with large stands also near the summit of Mt Macedon and Camels Hump.

In common with many Victorian gum-barked eucalypts, the sub-species forms extensive hollows with age (e.g. 100 years +) - valuable nesting habitat and shelter for mammals and birds. Trees flower from spring to late summer, producing quantities of nectar and pollen-rich flowers -food for birds, insects and mammals.

Lowland populations are heavily affected by stock grazing and agriculture. Young Snow Gums are impacted by introduced herbivores - rabbits, hares, deer and goats. Large woody weeds degrade Snow Gum habitat, reduce tree health and prevent recruitment. Climate change - reduced rainfall, extreme weather events, heat waves and severe wind storms - is likely to impact the species.

Large areas of the Shire are suitable for planting Snow Gums, but they will not grow well in drier habitats near box and stringybark eucalypts, or on waterlogged flats. Landowners should consult their local Landcare Group or MRSC to see if Snow Gums suit their property. Landowners fortunate to have Snow Gums could consider fencing isolated trees or groups of trees off from stock.

Deep Creek Landcare Group has nesting boxes for bats, birds and phascogales for sale from \$25. We also have Myna bird traps to lend out. Annual Landcare membership is \$20 per family. You can catch us at the Lancefield Farmer's Market over summer, follow us on Facebook, contact our President, Phil Severs (0476 324 000) or attend our monthly meetings in the Lancefield Mechanics Hall.

Landcare Grant Success

The Deep Creek Landcare Group has been successful in gaining two grants from the Bendigo Bank's 2022 Community Investment Program.

We are interested in exploring the potential of establishing a Native Botanic Garden in the Lancefield /Romsey area. The grant of \$4800 enables us to engage a consultant to search for suitable land of at least 3 hectares and within 5 km of Lancefield or Romsey.

A second grant of \$5905 will enable us to continue to provide Junior Landcare Environmental showbags. We source and purchase environmentally sustainable paper carry bags and fill them with literature, native flora/fauna colour in books, coloured pencils, drink bottles and our showcase item which is a book that reflects the learning children have received during one of our volunteer presentations, demonstrations, talks or on ground activities such as planting bees in our local project areas. The grant enabled us to purchase the showcase items which for school age children is a locally sourced book called "The First Scientists – Deadly Inventions and Innovations from Australia's First People" written by Corey Tutt and 'Backyard Buddies' for the kindergarten aged children.

Deep Group Landcare Group is very appreciative of our local Bendigo Bank's support and its ongoing support for community organizations.



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News from the Shire



Dance enrolments open for 2023

Dance classes are held at Buffalo Sports Stadium in Woodend and the Gisborne Community Centre.

- Tiny Tackers dance classes are for pre-schoolers aged 2-5 years and include ballet, tap and jazz (2 year olds–only ballet and jazz)
- Studio2 MIX dance classes are for school aged students from 6-12 years with a mix of ballet, tap and jazz in the 1-hour class.
- Studio2 Hip Hop classes and Tap dance classes are held on Thursday afternoons for 8-12 years and 13-18 years.

Enrolments for 2023 open in November. Spots are filling fast! For information visit *mrsc.vic.gov.au/dance*

Carer event in Riddells Creek - Embrace your inner Picasso!

Do you provide care for a loved one or friend? Join other carers in the Macedon Ranges for a creative get together at Dromkeen in Riddells Creek.

Create an individual artwork guided by facilitators from Pinot and Picasso and connect with other carers over a grazing plate. A fun session for carers to bring out their inner artist.

10.30am - 2.30pm, 25 November, Dromkeen Gallery, 1012 Kilmore Rd, Riddells Creek.

Registrations are essential for this free event. To register call Abbey on 5422 0262 or email *villageconnect@mrsc. vic.gov.au*.

Do you have a damaged bin?

If your bins are damaged, lost or stolen, Council will repair or replace them at no charge.

Repairs and replacements are usually completed during your next two collection days.

To report damaged or missing bins, call our customer service team on 5422 0333 or visit *mrsc.vic.gov.au/bins*

Compost for your garden

Council is now offering delivery of Australian standard FOGO compost alongside mulch to residents in the shire.

Delivery sizes and costs are:

- 3 cubic metres: \$146.30
- 6 cubic metres: \$182.60

To book delivery, call our customer service tem on 5422 0333 or visit your nearest customer service centre. To learn more visit *mrsc.vic.gov.au/mulch*

Soft plastics recycling collection trial in Romsey

Council is launching an innovative soft plastics recycling collection trial in Romsey on 7 November to support the community to reduce waste and recycle more.



During the 12-month trial, Romsey residents and businesses who use Council's kerbside collection service can recycle their soft plastics by collecting them separately in the Council-supplied orange collection bag and placing it in the recycling bin (yellow lid) on collection day when the bag is full.

The properties selected for the trial will receive an information pack including 10 orange collection bags to use during the trial period.

All soft plastic items accepted in the REDcycle service and that carry the Australasian Recycling Label (ARL)–Return to Store symbol or REDcycle logo are accepted in this trial.

All other kerbside properties in the shire can continue to recycle soft plastics at your nearest transfer station or local supermarkets participating in REDcycle program.

Following the trial, Council will consider options for an ongoing shire-wide service to support soft plastics recycling.

For more information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/romseytrial

Get 'Back in the Game' this summer

Back in the Game is a modified indoor sports program, which aims to improve the physical wellbeing and quality of life of older people and provide opportunities to connect socially in a fun and friendly environment. Modified activities include walking soccer, walking netball, balloon value walking and more

volleyball, table tennis and more.

The program is delivered at the Romsey Recreation Centre on Thursday mornings during school terms, from 9.30-10.30am. Cost is \$8.60 per session, paid casually at the facility.

For information contact the centre on 5429 5637 or *email rrc@mrsc.vic.gov.au*.





By telephone: 03 9744 4455

By fax: 03 9744 6777

Email: admin@scchc.org.au

By mail: PO Box 218, Sunbury 3429

Opening Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

Community Reference Group Invitation

Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health is looking for people from the Macedon Ranges to join a community reference group to help direct the work of the organisation and ensure it is meeting the needs of the local community.

The community reference group's role is to offer reflection and feedback on the needs and concerns of locals, and it offers a proactive way to represent and engage with your community. While anyone can join the group, Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health is seeking personal perspectives, rather than those from community organisations.

"We want the community to see Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health as their local organisation where the services provided are safe, welcoming and effectively meet their needs," says Chief Partnerships Officer Jeremy Hearne. "The community reference group is a central way that we connect with the community and a key contribution to us achieving our purpose of building stronger social fabric in the communities we serve."

The organisation's community reference groups provide important input to service and program development and strategic planning. The group meets five times per year with representatives from the Sunbury and Cobaw Board and senior staff. If you would like to find out more, email *healthpromotionsunbury@scchc.org.au* or call Lisa Richards on 5421 1666.

Zonta says NO to violence

Wednesday November 25 is the International Day for the elimination of violence against women and Dec 10 is Human Rights Day.

The 16 days that begin and end on these dates are recognised internationally as the '16 Days of Activism' to prevent violence against women. In Australia, on average, one woman a week is murdered by her current or former partner and intimate partner violence is the leading cause of death, disability and illness in Australian women aged 18-44 years.

Statistics prepared by Women's Heath Victoria show that of the reported sexual offences against women in Macedon Ranges during 2020, the offender was known to the victim in 77% of cases.

This year, the Zonta Club of Kyneton continues working with several other community organisations, through Macedon Ranges 16 Days of Activism Working Group, to raise awareness of gender-based violence, challenge discriminatory attitudes and encourage community-based support for those living with violence.

For the 16 days of activism the Zonta Club is planning a display in the community window in Mollison Street,

Kyneton, highlighting the impact of violence against women. We will also have a pop up event at the Social Foundry Café in Kyneton on 3 December at 10.30am. Come along and learn more about 16 days of activism to prevent violence against women, while sharing a cuppa and cake with our passionate club members.

Zonta members wore orange to mark 16 Days of Action in 2021



Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA)

Bendigo Bank team. Macedon Ranges Business Breakfast



RRBATA is represented on the committee of Tourism Macedon Ranges

Inc (TMR) which advocates for the visitor economy and its businesses in the Shire. TMR's Macedon Ranges Business Breakfast was held at the Macedon Ranges Hotel and Spa. A number of RRBATA member businesses attended this event which saw dynamic presenter Simon Kuestenmacher explain the implications of current data trends on the region's businesses and their customers in the future.

After Work Business Catch Up in Lancefield

The Lancefield Guesthouse was the site of RRBATA's October "After Work Business Catch Up" with wonderful hospitality from Kate and Peter Chiller. A



diverse range of Romsey and Lancefield business operators gathered for a drink, nibbles and chat at yet another of our region's great venues. These "catch ups" are casual where all businesses (even if not a RRBATA members) can drop in for as little or as long as they like. Follow RRBATA's FB (Romsey Lancefield Region Business and Living) for more information regarding the next one.



Romsey Region Business & Tourism Association (RRBATA)

Jenny Stillman

Phone: 0412 349849 Email: jennystillman @optusnet.com.au

The benefits of the Romsey Region Business andTourism Association. Be a part of it!

Romsey Online Remember Don't forget, ANYONE CAN BE A REPORTER! Whether it is sporting results, photos, reports on events etc, the website is waiting for your "news".

Please ensure a note of consent from people featured in any photographs accompanies your submissions. Remember, the website is only as good as the information fed to it at *info@romsey.org.au*.

Grant Success

RRBATA has been successful in its application to the State Government's **Business Chambers and Traders Groups Round** Three program, having secured funding to support a professionallymanaged social media marketing program for our region's local businesses as well as now enabling the Main Street Festive Illuminations event to proceed. The latter was very successful last year and it is hoped that this year's event will give even more prominence to our eastern corridor region and its businesses.

Facebook: Romsey and Lancefield Region - Business and Living Instagram: Romsey_ Lancefield_Region www. rrbata.com.au You are invited To celebrate the completion of Romsey Ecotherapy Park





Please join us for an afternoon of music, food, storytelling and community fun to celebrate this wonderful Park project 14 years after its concept was first hatched! There will also be an opportunity to meet some of the amazing Art in the Park artists.

The Romsey Ecotherapy Park Inc (REP) team hopes to see you there!

> SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2022 1PM TO 5PM

140 Main Street Romsey Email: romseyecotherapypark@gmail.com







Love to sing?

Join world-class soloists for a weekend choral festival, culminating in a full performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony (Ode to Joy) with the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra.



Romsey Primary School October 2022

Time is running out! Romsey Primary School is currently in the processing of planning their classes for 2023. If you are thinking of enrolling your child at RPS, please return your documents to the office as soon as possible.

All relevant forms and information can be found on our website at Enrolment (romseyps.vic.edu.au) All enrolments must be accompanied by your child's birth and immunisation certificate.

We are holding a Prep Information session and tour on Thursday 27th October at 10:00am for any new families wishing to enrol their child for 2023. Please phone the office on 5529 5099 to register your interest. Bookings are required.

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Sing with the Stars

Join our massed choir to sing Beethoven's 9th Symphony with soloists Teddy Tahu Rhodes, Merlyn Quaife, Kristen Leich and Michael Petruccelli, accompanied by the Bendigo Symphony Orchestra led by Luke Severn. It's not too late to join. The event is part of a new choral festival called Symphonia Choralis to be held on the weekend of 11th and 12th December, 2022 at the Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo. Teddy Tahu Rhodes is Australia's favourite leading man of the operatic, music theatre and concert stage, dazzling audiences with his extraordinary voice and presence. He is joined by the distinguished, versatile and fearless soprano Merlyn Quaife AM, emerging "pure, glowing" leading tenor, Michael Petruccelli and American mezzo soprano Kristen Leich, whose exquisite singing and stunning stage presence have won her rave reviews. Kristen also resides in the Macedon Ranges. There is a fee to participate (includes all workshops, concerts, music, midi files and 6 weeks of practices with The Gisborne Singers). Concession/Student \$150, Full \$170. Book now on Trybooking https://www.trybooking.com/CAGDO. For more details go to events@gisbornesingers.org.au or Facebook: @ gisbornesingerssymphoniachoralis

To book tickets to see this spectacular event go to Bendigo Venues & Events. Book now before tickets are sold out. Concession/Student \$45, Full \$55 https://www.bendigoregion. com.au/arts-culture-theatres/event/bendigo-symphony-orchestrasymphonia-choralis#overview

Choir practice night is Wednesday from 7:30pm - 10pm at the Gisborne Uniting Church, 23 Brantome St, Gisborne.

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School Disco

On Friday night, 21st October the Parents & Friends Committee were able to hold their annual 'School Disco'. After missing out for the last two years due to Covid and then having to postpone due to weather, the excitement was building in anticipation of the fun evening ahead! The theme was 'Neon Glow' and with their entry fee, students received a bag of popcorn, a lolly bag, a glow bracelet and still or sparkling water. The scene was set, lots of glow-in-



the-dark helium balloons and special lights were set up but how to make the school hall dark during daylight savings? Well thanks to one of our dads, Chris Collins, who got on the very high roof and blacked out the windows for us so that the atmosphere would be set for a great night ahead! What a wonderful, sparkly and glowing night it was! The weather was balmy and the rain stayed away (hooray!), all the kids dressed in their best neon (I dare say there was a bit of an 80's vibe going on!) and even Mrs Stevens dressed as her twin sister Angie, pink wig and all!

There was a playlist as requested by the students as well as musical statues and limbo but to name a few of the fun dances on the night. It was a wonderful event and for this we must say a HUGE thank you to our Parents & Friends Committee for all their hard work, especially Ashley Collins and Cindy Flanagan for their organisation of the event and to all the amazing parents who volunteered their time to assist on the night - we are all so grateful. It was just fantastic to see the students having so much fun without a care in the world. Finally, some normalcy in what has been a very tough couple of years.

Athletics

On Monday 10th October the following students competed in the Regional Athletics Competition in Bendigo: Millie Kilpatrick (high jump), Alex Murphy (shot put), Michael Brown (high jump), Illiana Way (100 m sprint & high jump), Meg Brundell (shot put and discus) & Alister McEachran (100 m sprint and long jump). Congratulations to all these students on a terrific effort. Well done to Meg Brundell who received a medal for finishing third in the shot put. Also, a huge congratulations to Millie Kilpatrick who finished first in the Girls 10-year-old high jump and is now off to the State Championships on 2nd November. Good luck Millie!





STEPtember

In September I asked my mum if I could participate in STEPtember again to raise money for children and families who have cerebral palsy. My goal this year was to walk 150,000 steps. My total number of steps was 191,221. Lots of people sponsored me to walk each day. I raised \$1,759.72 this year. The money raised helps people with cerebral palsy get new wheelchairs, walkers and crutches.

By Archer Tully 1/2W

SHARERIDE—Here to Meet Our Transport Needs!! Spring is here! It is a great time to venture out to do some shopping, visit friends or go for a cuppa!

Our new ShareRide service is now up and running! Here to support you with an affordable door-to-door service for those in our community needing transport or just those who wish to get out in the company of others. We pickup in both Lancefield and Romsey at set locations, with the option of home pickup as well. The service works by booking either online or via phone to Romsey or Lancefield Neighbourhood house or Lancefield Townhouse. Once in the town, you have the option to be picked up and dropped off to wherever you would like to go.

More than one designation? We have you covered. Our friendly drivers can drop and pick you up in multiple places depending on the time restraints. This is a great service for the community, If you have other locations or events coming for transport, we would like to hear from you! Health appointments also available!



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FRI	Melbourne CBD - 18th	Lancefield - 8.45 am Romsey - 9.15 am	2.30pm	\$12 SINGLE \$20 RETURN
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From the Desk of Pastor Tim

Baptism

On November 13th at our 10am service, a number of people at Encourage Church are being water baptised (everyone is invited!). We practice full immersion baptism, where the individual goes fully under the water. It is where adults and teenagers confess their faith in Jesus Christ in a public way.



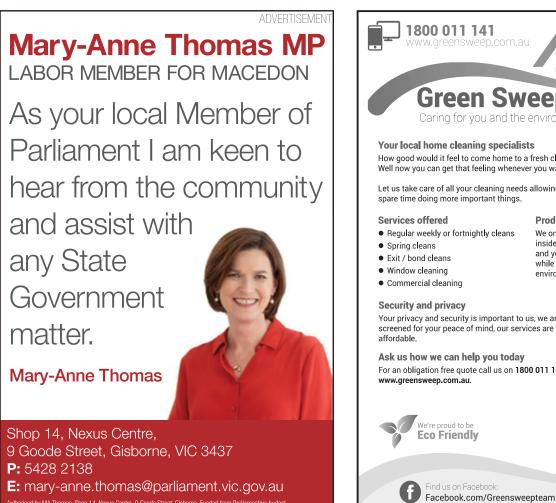
It is a highly spiritual day, and also guite an emotional day. I remember my baptism when I was 13 which ended with me crying on my mum's shoulder due to the significance and emotion of the day. I've seen people come up out of the water and start speaking in tongues or have visions. In this simple act of going under the water in front of your family and friends, God touches people.

One of the key aspects of water baptism is the identification with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3-5). We are also saying that our old life is dead and has been buried with Jesus, and that we have been resurrected to a new life in Jesus. We live a new life, as if we had been born again (John 3:3).

New life through Jesus Christ is the best. The old life has gone, a new life has begun (2 Corinthians 5:17)!

Romans 6:4 (Living)

Your old sin-loving nature was buried with him by baptism when he died; and when God the Father, with glorious power, brought him back to life again, you were given his wonderful new life to enjoy.





Website: www.encouragechurch.com.au Mainly Music

Email:

- Children's Church
- Before & After School Care
- Youth Activities



Anglican Church of Christ Church Lancefield with St Paul's Church Romsey

| Regular weekly Services

- Prayer Meeting at St Pauls Romsey each Monday 7pm
- Bible Study St Pauls Romsey Tuesday 6:30pm
- Bible Study Christ Church Lancefield Thursday 10:30am
- Annual Parish Meeting Oct 30th Lancefield Church Hall
- Community Lunch: Saturday 12th Nov. will include the local Fire Brigade attending the lunch 12noon for a fun day. All welcome
- 150th Celebration Service of St Paul's Romsey 27th Nov. 9:00 and at Christ Church

Lancefield 27th Nov.10:30am. Followed by light lunch at Lancefield Church Hall at 11:30. All past & present parishioners welcome to join the service.

| St Paul's Romsey Op Shop is open on:-

• Friday 12:30pm - 4:30pm

• Saturday 10:00 - 1:00pm

The Op Shop is currently stocked with good quality adult clothing: Baby & toddler cloths: shoes from. We a wide variety of Bric & Brac & Kitchen wares. Our Library section is stocked with old & new books, starting from small books at 5 for \$1.00; paperback from \$1.00 & hardback books \$2.00. We have a large display of DVD & CD. Donations of clothing, Bric & Brac, craft items, books &good quality working toys can be left Friday afternoon or Saturday mornings during open hours. Please do not pack in large boxes as they are too heavy for volunteers to carry. Please note that owing to regulations we cannot accept electrical goods, prams, baby cots, furniture or mattresses. Toys can now be donation and sold at the Op Shop. Your ongoing support & donations is much valued and appreciated.

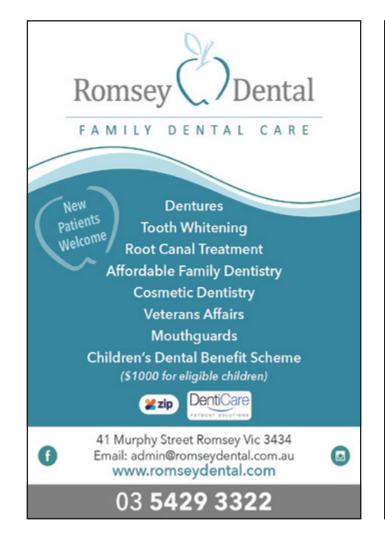


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46th Annual Arts Prom Country, Art & Photography Show

3 week exhibition. Sat 14th Jan -Sat 4th Feb 2023 at Leongatha Memorial Hall.

ENTRIES NOW OPEN

Following on from a most successful Art Show last Jan/ Feb the organizers are now accepting entries for the 2023 show up until 14th December. Apart from the opportunity to display your work to an interested audience, the show has had a great record of buyers over its long history. The show attracts over 550 entries from artists and photographers from across Gippsland, Melbourne, regional Victoria and interstate.

New and established artists of all ages are welcome to enter and prizes totaling over \$6000 which include awards for various mediums, photography, 3D (e.g. sculpture), junior sections and All Abilities section.

You can enter online and get more information by visiting the website *www.leonartshow.com.au*

The Annual Arts Prom Country, Art and Photography Show is being held this year from 14th Jan to 4th Feb 2023 at The Leongatha Memorial Hall, cnr Michael Place and McCartin St, Leongatha. This highly successful show is in its 46th year and is organized by the Rotary Club of Leongatha.

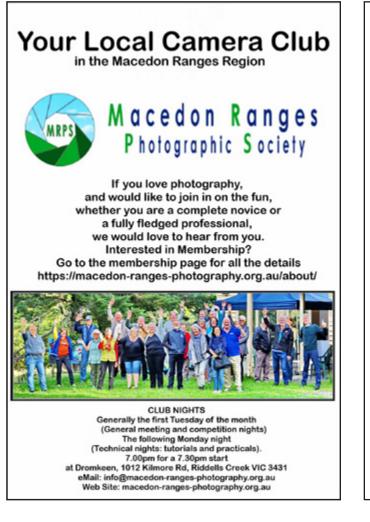


The opening hours of the show are daily from 10am to 4pm. Entry to view the show is \$5 per person.

A raffle will also be held and together with other money made over the event go towards many worthy local charities and services.

Don't miss participating in this major South Gippsland event

So artists, junior artists, all abilities artists, sculptors and photographers get your entry in at **www.leonartshow.com**. **au** or enquire at **rotaryleongatha.artshow@gmail.com**



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Current Mass Times:

| Sunday Mass

- Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9am and will alternate between Lancefield & Romsey.
- 1st & 3rd Sunday's of the month in Romsey, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday's of the month in Lancefield.

| Saturday Healing Mass

• The Healing Mass will be celebrated at 10am in Romsey on the 1st Saturday of each month.

| Baptisms

- Baptism's are held at 2:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Sunday's of the month. Please contact the office for the next available date.
- Should a parishioner want to go to Reconciliation, please contact Fr. Martin directly at Woodend on 5427 2690 to make arrangements.

Direct enquiries to the parish office on 5429 2130 or by email at lancefield@cam.org.au

For funeral arrangements, please contact Fr. Martin on 5427 2690 or by email at *woodend@cam.org.au*



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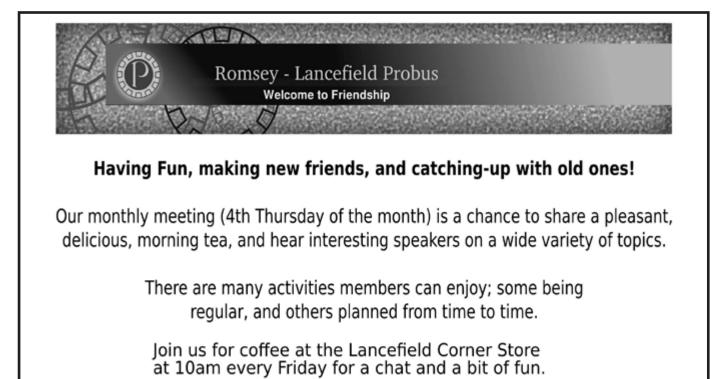
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Parish Secretary Mrs. Tammie Dalgleish P:5429 2130

School Secretary Ms. Julie McDougall P:5429 1359

School Website: www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

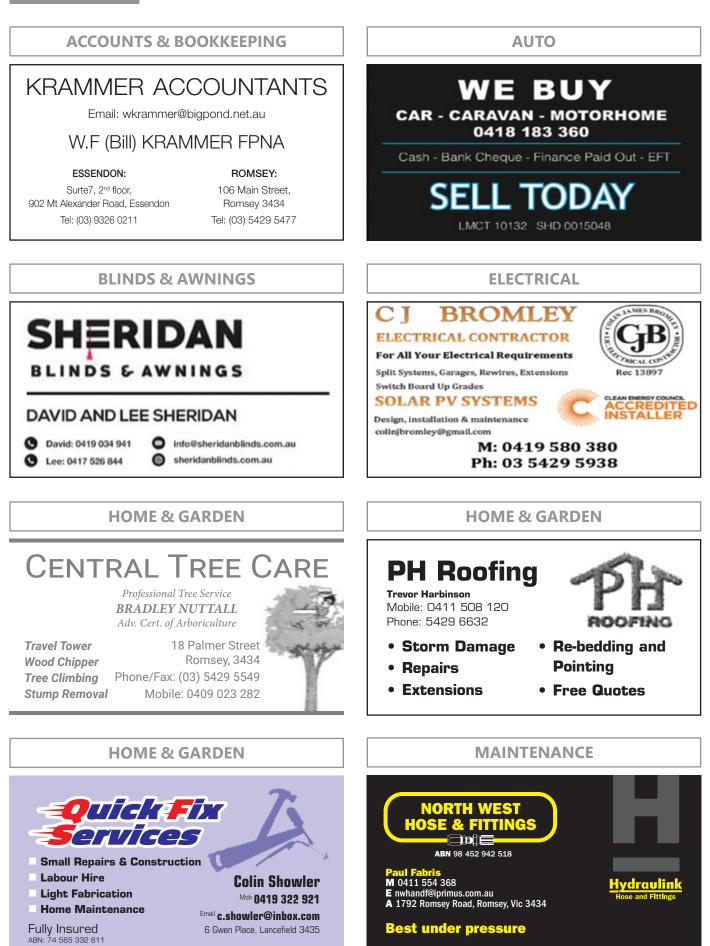


We are a friendly welcoming group from diverse backgrounds and with a variety of interests, and we'd love to meet you!

Phone: Tony (President) 0410747616 or Noreen (Secretary) 0401579180

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OPENING HOURS

Please refer to our website www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au Facebook page or contact us for information regarding up-to-date opening hours in February.

Diary Dates

- Melbourne Cup: Tuesday November 1 Library closed for public holiday.
- Kyneton Cup: Wednesday November 2 Romsey Library open.
- Library Playdate: 1.00-4.00pm, Tuesday 8 November
- Introduction to Bellydance: 4.00-5.00pm, Thursday 17 November
- A Curious Circle: 7.00-8.30pm, Thursday 17 November
- 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence: starts 25
 November

Baby Rhyme Time at Romsey Library

Baby Rhyme Time sessions at the Romsey Library run every Thursday morning at 11am during the school term. Sessions are free and open to all parents/carers and their babies aged 0-18 months old. Sessions are friendly and relaxed and include songs, rhymes and stories intended to develop early literacy and a love of reading.

To find out more, drop by and see us at 98 Main Street Romsey, find us on Facebook or phone us directly on 5429 3086.

The Importance of Early Literacy

Did you know that the first 1000 days, from conception to 2 years old, are the most important years for brain development? By the time a baby reaches 2 years old, 80 percent of their brain is already developed.

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The building blocks for literacy start very early in life - well before a child starts pre-school. And the Library is here to help!

Resources

- * The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children www. growingupinaustralia.gov.au (2020).
- ** 2013 Let's Read Literature Review, Murdoch Children's Research Institute.
- The Children's Book Council of Australia www.vic.cbca.org.au
- Goldfields' Libraries www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au
- Bendigo Reads www.bendigoreads.com.au
 - Page Break

Romsey Library Playdate 1.00 – 4.00pm, Tuesday 8 November

Come along to the library to connect with others and make new friends! We have a lovely space for interaction between parents/ carers and children and toys loaned from the Romsey Toy Library to keep the children entertained.

Everyone is welcome at these 100% free sessions scheduled 1– 4pm on the 2nd Tuesday every month, with light refreshments provided.

Our next session is Tuesday 8 November, 1–4pm. For more information, visit the library at 98 Main Street Romsey or phone us on 5429 3086.

Introduction to Bellydance 4.00 – 5.00pm, Thursday 17 November

Come on a Middle Eastern journey and lose yourself in the music while learning some Egyptian-style Raqs Sharqi. Bellydance brings the joy of dance to everyone - all ages, cultures, shapes and sizes while building your fitness in a fun and easy way.

Bring a friend or come alone. Everyone is welcome to join this fun inclusive session. Bookings essential – head to www. goldfieldslibraries.com or phone us on 5429 3086.

A Curious Circle: Curiosity, Connection & Creativity! 7.00 – 8.30pm, Thursday November 17

We're inviting adult women to come together to connect and explore their curiosity in a creative way. Try out some new arts and crafts just for fun – no special skills required!

In November we are making felt hearts in support of the 1000 Hearts Kindness Project, and our December evening will focus on Christmas craft.

Supper is provided, and beginners are 100% welcome. Bookings essential. For more information please email romsey@ncgrl.vic.gov.au or phone us on 5429 3086.

New Releases - Order in the Library Now!

To reserve a loan of any of these titles, head to www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au or phone the library directly on 5429 3086.

The Seven Skins of Esther Wilding by Holly Ringland

Fans of The Lost Flowers of Alice Hart, rejoice as Holly Ringland's second novel The Seven Skins of Esther Wilding hits our shelves. A story of sisterly love, the power of wearing your heart on your sleeve, and the ways life can transform when we find the courage to feel the fullness of grief and joy.

The Three Lives of Alix St Pierre by Natasha Lester

The Three Lives of Alix St Pierre is an extravagant work of historical fiction told in three timelines: before, during and after WWII. You'll be transported from Switzerland to France, mingling with intriguing characters along the way.

Seeing Other People by Diana Reid

Diana Reid, another great Australian author, releases her second novel after the success of her debut Love and Virtue. Set in Sydney, Seeing Other People is the darkly funny story of two very different sisters, and the summer that tests their relationship to breaking point.

Dreamland by Nicholas Sparks

Nicholas Sparks fans and romance lovers alike, get ready for Sparks' latest release Dreamland! Written in Spark's distinctive prose, Dreamland is a story of love and risking it all for a dream whilst discovering if the past can truly be left behind.

It Starts With Us by Colleen Hoover

The long-anticipated sequel to Colleen Hoover's It Ends with Us is almost here! Following Atlas and Lily's story where they left off, It Starts with Us switches between the two characters' perspectives guiding us through their glorious and touching love story, with some challenges along the way.

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Initially, there will be a consultation with our Invisaligntrained doctor who will take photos, X-rays, and digital scans with the itero scanner.

These records will be used to create a customised 3D treatment plan just for you, where you'll be able to see the final position your teeth are predicted to reach after treatment.



Your series of custom made aligners are to be worn everyday and changed according to your prescribed treatment plan. You'll be visiting your Invisalign-trained doctor approximately every 6-8 weeks to monitor the progress of your treatment and receive the next series of aligners. Once completing your Invisalign aligner treatment, you may need to use retainers to help make sure the new position of your teeth is maintained.

The best thing about aligners is that they are removable, so it is easier to clean your teeth and maintain oral health during treatment. Even better people won't know you're going through treatment as they are virtually invisible!

We can help you achieve the smile you want. Book your free consultation today valued at \$400! For a limited time only. **Contact us on 03 5429 3322** and find out if Invisalign treatment is right for you.

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